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SHINICHI ITO ET AL.)	Notice of Allowance Dated: 1/30/06
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated January 30, 2006.

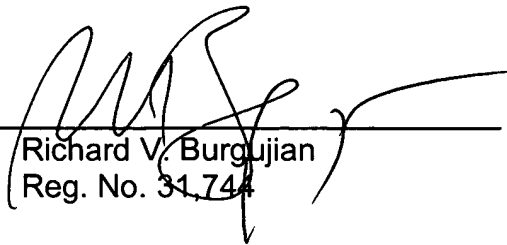
Applicants have claimed priority based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. P2000-39683 and P2000-297441. Certified copies of the priority applications were filed on May 22, 2001, in parent Application No. 09/784,200 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,579,382 B2), from which the present application depends. To date, the Examiner has not acknowledged the claim for priority and submission of priority documents.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability acknowledging receipt of the claim for priority and the certified copies.

Respectfully submitted,

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